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UM TELEVISION PRODUCER RECEIVES EMMY AWARD

MISSOULA –

A University of Montana television producer has been named an Emmy Award winner. John Twiggs of KUFM-TV received a 1998-99 Rocky Mountain Emmy Award for his work on the "How the West is Fun" series.

The regional award was in the Individual Achievement category for editing a program, documentary or magazine. Twiggs was the only winner from Montana this year.

"It feels good that my work has been judged so highly by such a prestigious organization," Twiggs said. "It's quite an honor."

William Marcus, director of UM's Broadcast Media Center and KUFM-TV station manager, said, "We're very proud of the hard work John has put into these programs. It's nice for him to be rewarded for that effort."

Each June the Arizona Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honors television excellence with the Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards. The Arizona NATAS comprises Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Montana, as well as parts of California, Wyoming and

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Texas. The awards were announced June 25 at ceremonies in Phoenix.

“How the West if Fun: Artists of the West” is a program for middle-schoolers that premiered on Montana PBS in April. The series will be repeated Sundays at 6:30 p.m. beginning July 25. Other programs in the “How the West is Fun” series include “The Gold Rush,” “Explorers of the West” and “Native American Culture.” The programs star seventh-graders from Missoula’s Washington Middle School.

Twiggs’ series has netted him eight other awards recently, including honors from the Communicator Awards, Telly Awards, Parents’ Choice Foundation and Videographer Awards.

Montana PBS is comprised of KUFM-TV in Missoula and KUSM-TV in Bozeman and is a service of UM and Montana State University-Bozeman.

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